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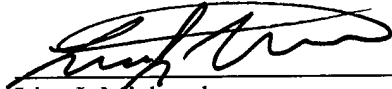
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-28 are pending. Applicant cancels claims 22-26.

In view of the amendments above, Applicant submits that claims 1-21, and 27-28 are in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Applicant suggests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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